

**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Westminster, Maryland**

**Confirmation Ministry Covenant
2016-2017**

Confirmation Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church is a time of intentional learning and growing in Christian faith and life in order to prepare a young person to affirm their faith in and commitment to Christ. Preparation for Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) takes place through loving relationships, learning opportunities, social and servant events, faithful attendance in worship, intentional participation in a specific type of worship leadership, and engaging conversations with adult mentors. Normally, confirmation ministry is a two year program at Grace, usually taking place in seventh and eighth grades. The goal is for each student to be ready to affirm his/her faith when participating in Affirmation of Baptism.

I/We understand that the following requirements must be completed (usually over a two year period) in order to participate in Confirmation:

- Fulfillment of all class requirements – attending regularly and completing make up work when absent
- Participation in worship on a regular basis, including turning in no less than 15 Worship Reflection sheets
- Participation in six servant events offered through various church ministries (at least half of the events should be focused on service to the community beyond the congregation)
- Participation in Confirmation Ministry Retreats (offered each fall and in the spring of the final year)
- Participating in a particular type of worship leadership (students may select from: Acolyte, Middle School Music Ministry, Ushering)
- Establishment of a relationship with an adult mentor

I/We understand that participating actively in these additional elements of confirmation ministry will enrich the student's experience and more fully develop an understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus active in the church and the world. Therefore, we will endeavor to participate as fully as possible in these additional growth opportunities:

- Participation in the social events offered through middle school ministry
- Participation in the annual weekend ministry retreats offered through middle school ministry

Student _____

Parent _____

Mentor _____

Pastor _____